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SUBJECT: SALVADORAN/HONDURAN BORDER DISPUTE: OAS
OBSERVERS

REF: STATE 190434 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO MANDATE OF JULY 31 OAS PERM COUNCIL
MEETING, U.S. HAS OFFERED THREE OFFICERS TO SERVE WITH
THE OAS PEACEKEEPING TEAM.

2. OAS INFORMS THAT OBSERVER TEAM COMPOSED OF MILITARY
OFFICERS FROM CHILE, ECUADOR, PARAGUAY, VENEZUELA, BRAZIL,
ARGENTINA, COSTA RICA, GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, DOMINICAN
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REPUBLIC AND US. TEAM WILL BE LED BY MAJOR GENERAL

LUIS MARIA MIRO OF ARGENTINA WHO DEPARTED 8/2 FOR EL SALVADOR.

3. THE USG HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO PROVIDE THESE OBSERVERS TO THE OAS EFFORT TO MAINTAIN PEACE ALONG THE EL SALVADOR/HONDURAS FRONTIER. WE HAVE NOT COMMITTED THE USG TO ANY OTHER ACTION. WE EXPECT, HOWEVER, TO RESPOND POSITIVELY, SYMPATHETICALLY AND RAPIDLY TO REASONABLE REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT FROM THE OAS.

4. ALL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE WILL ORIGINATE WITH THE OAS HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON AND GO DIRECTLY TO THE US MISSION TO THE OAS LOCATED IN THE DEPARTMENT. USOAS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING DEPARTMENT, DOD AND OTHER CLEARANCES FOR ANY CONTEMPLATED ACTION. ANY REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY TO USOAS AS EMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA HAS ALREADY DONE. HABIB

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